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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH ACTING GOH FONMIN

RICARDO PINEDA MILLA

- 1. DURING DECEMBER 18 CHAT WITH ACTING FONMIN RICARDO PINEDA MILLA, THE ACTING FONMIN NOT ONLY EXPRESSED GREAT OPTIMISM WITH REGARD TO GOH-GOES NEGOTIATIONS, BUT PRESENTED A PERSONAL ANALYSIS OF SALVADORAN FONMIN BORGONOVO WHICH CLOSELY PARALLELED PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED OPINIONS OF EXFONMIN BATRES. CLEARLY IT CONTRASTED WITH THE OPINION OF FINMIN ACOSTA BONILLA (SEE DECEMBER 20 SEPTEL).
- 2. PINEDA MILLA SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH GROWING ACCEPTANCE IN EL SALVADOR OF IDEA OF CONTINUING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS UNDER AEGIS OF OAS.
- 3. COMMENT: PINEDA MILLA DID NOT SPECIFY EXACTLY WHAT THIS MEANT. HE DID POINT OUT THAT THERE EXISTS NOW AN AGREEMENT FROM BOTH SIDES TO PROCEED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. THE ACTING FONMIN SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS OWN CONTACTS WITH BORGONOVO AND WITH THE LATTER'S FRANKNESS. ACCORDING TO PINEDA MILLA BORGONOVO IS PERSONALLY WILLING TO CONSIDER ARBITRATION ALTHOUGH HE REMINDS PINEDA MILLA THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SELL IN EL SALVADOR.

5. BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS SEASON NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JANUARY. PINEDA MILLA FEELS THAT THERE IS GENUINE AGREEMENT THAT THE BORDER TALKS WILL FINALLY CENTER AROUND TWO DISPUTED POCKETS (BOLSONES) RATHER THAN SIX. HE ADDED THAT BOTH SIDES ARE GRADUALLY WORKING AT GENERATING COOPERATION OF PRESS FOR ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

6. PINEDA MILLA WAS LAVISH IN HIS PRAISE FOR USG EFFORTS FOLLOWING HURRICANE FIFI. SANCHEZ

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